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SUBJECT: FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR BOGOTA-VISIT OF FIRE CHIEF TO USA

REF: BOGOTA 2446

PLS PASS EXIMBANK

1. REGARDING LOAN TO CITY OF BOGOTA FOR FINANCING
FIRE EQUIPMENT, LEON GALLEGU OF CITY FIANNCE OFFICE
INFORMED COMATT 3/26 THAT CHASE MANHATTAN HOPES
SIGN LETTER OF INTENT THIS WEEK WITH CITY. UNDER
REPORTED TERMS OF LETTER, CHASE WOULD SEEK EXIMBANK
GUARANTEE ON US\$10 MILLION LOAN FROM CHASE TO
CITY OF BOGOTA, IN PART FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT.

2. GALLEGU WILL ADVISE COMATT WHEN LETTER SIGNED,

AFTER WHICH COMATT FREE TO CHECK TERMS WITH LOCAL
CHASE REPRESENTATIVES OR CITY.

3. EMB POUCHED FULL REVISED SPECIFICATIONS IN
SPANISH 3/26 DIRECT TO THOMAS K BREWER, ANDEAN
GROUP MARKETING MANAGER, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
MARKETING. U.S. BUSINESSMEN MAY CONSULT SPECS, BUT
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USDOC SHOULD RETAIN THEM AS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION

SINCE CITY WILL PROBABLY NOT OPEN TENDER UNTIL LATE
APRIL.

4. GALAN AND GALLEGO PREFER TRAVEL WEEK APRIL 21.
THOUGH APRIL 21 IS DATE OF COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS THEY SEE NO CONFLICT OR INHIBITION ON
TRAVEL.

5. PLS LET US KNOW SOONEST WHAT ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION NEEDED, BESIDES MORE EXACT DATA
ON FINANCING, TO ADVANCE PROJECT. IF POSSIBLE NOW,
PLS ADVISE EMBASSY WHETHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
TRIP MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM U.S. BUSINESS. GALAN
AND GALLEGO SAY THERE IS NO DOUBT CITY WILL BUY
EQUIPMENT. THEY SEEM TO HAVE OPEN MINDS REGARDING
CHOICE AMONG U.S. SUPPLIERS BUT HAVE MENTIONED
AMERICAN LA FRANCE IN FAVORABLE CONTEXT.
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